

30th March 1928]

A.—(1) District and taluk boards and municipal councils.—A statement a showing the names of representatives of depressed classes appointed to district boards and municipal councils during the life time of the last Ministry and during the existence of the present one is laid on the table. If other information is required the Government will be prepared to furnish it. Appointments to taluk boards are made by the presidents of district boards and not by the Government.

District educational councils.—The Government have reserved seats for the representatives of the depressed classes on the district educational councils and it has always been their policy to appoint to those seats only members of the depressed classes except in those rare instances where suitable men of the community are not available. A statement a showing the names of members appointed to district educational councils to represent the depressed classes during the lifetime of the last Ministry and during the existence of the present one is laid on the table.

Secondary education boards.—The constitution of the district secondary education boards has not till now provided for the representation of the different communities. The names of members appointed to these boards have been published in the *Fort St. George Gazette*.

- (2) (a) Persons not belonging to the Adi-Dravida community were appointed to the Mayavaram and Ootacamund Municipal Councils on the expiry of the terms of the appointed members of that community, as no suitable representative was available in the former case, and the community was already represented by an elected member, in the latter.
- (b) The Government have received the application of M.R.Ry. Krishna Samban and it is under consideration. No application appears to have been received from M.R.Ry. Rathina Samban.
- (c) The question will be considered.

II

COMMUNICATIONS TO THE COUNCIL.

(1)

The Secretary laid on the table copies of G.O. No. 387, b Development, dated 3rd March 1928, recording the audit report of the Russellkonda Saw Mill for the quarter ending 30th June 1927.

(2)

With reference to the Legislative Council resolution passed at its meeting of the 13th December 1921 and G.O. No. 42, Finance, dated 11th January 1922, the Secretary laid on the table copies of the statement c of posts on Rs. 500 per mensem and above that have been created during the quarter ending December 1927.

a Printed as Appendix III on pages 289-293 infra.

b Printed separately.

c Printed as Appendix IV on pages 294-297 infra.